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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DAVID ROCKEFELLER

REF: STATE 18272

KUWAIT PLEASE POUCH BAGHDAD FOR ACTION

1. CHASE MANHATTAN IN CONTINUING TOUCH WITH NEA/RA REGARDING DAVID ROCKEFELLER VISIT TO BAGHDAD SUNDAY, FEB 29. REQUEST FOR ROCKEFELLER INTERVIEW WITH SADDAM HUSAYN HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO BAGHDAD THROUGH IRAQI INTEREST SECTION CHIEF HASSAN BUT NO REPLY HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED. WITH HASSAN OUT OF WASHINGTON TODAY (JAN 30), ROOSEVELT HAS ASKED WE SOLICIT YOUR VIEWS AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING APPROPRIATE SCHEDULING FOR VISIT.

2. PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF ROCKEFELLER, WHO REGRETS SHORT TIME AVAILABLE FOR VISIT, IS INTERVIEW WITH SADDAM HUSAYN. IF HE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE, THEN ROCKEFELLER WOULD HOPE FOR INTERVIEW WITH FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE EXECUTIVEDIRECTOR HAMDANI. AS TIME PERMITS, ROCKEFELLER WOULD ALSO LIKE TO

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MEET WITH FINANCE MINISTER AL-QUAISI, HIS SUCCESSOR AS

CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR, HEAD OF BANK RAFIDAIN, AND DR. QADURI, HEAD OF RCC ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU WHO MET WITH CHASE REPS LAST FALL. PERHAPS SEPARATE INTERVIEW WITH SADDAM HUSAYN AND GROUP LUNCH WITH OTHER OFFICIALS, PRESUMABLY HOSTED BY ROCKEFELLER, MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE.

4. CHASE MANHATTAN INFORMED IT SHOULD CABLE DIRECT APPLICATION FOR AIR CLEARANCES TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (PER BAGHDAD 905 OF SEPT 2, 1975). WHILE UNDERSTANDING THIS, ROOSEVELT EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR WHATEVER ASSISTANCE USINT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE FOR CLEARANCES OF: A) FEBRUARY 29 LANDING AT BAGHDAD AND B) MARCH 4 OVERFLIGHT BETWEEN TEHRAN AND AMMAN. AIRCRAFT IS GRAMMON GULF STREAM II, REGISTRY N100WK. DETAILS ON CREW OF THREE AND PASSENGER LIST OF APPROXIMATELY SIX WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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